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The Honorable Jeh Johnson
Secretary
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Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Johnson:

I am writing to strongly call for the immediate inclusion of Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) International Airport – which I represent in Congress – in the list of other major U.S. airports at which the administration has announced it will implement heightened Ebola-related security screening protocols. DFW Airport is the third busiest airport in the world, hosting over 1,800 flights per day and serving more than 62 million passengers each year. As you are aware, it was also the final U.S. arrival destination of Thomas Eric Duncan, the first individual diagnosed with Ebola inside the United States. Action must be taken to ensure that the people of North Texas do not suffer greater exposure to this deadly virus.

The White House has said that five U.S. airports receive roughly 94% of the roughly 150 passengers from the three affected countries that arrive in the U.S. each day. What risk do the remaining 6% of passengers have on major airports, such as DFW, that have not been selected for additional screening? How difficult would be it for Customs to review the additional 6% of passengers, which amounts to approximately 9 people per day? The administration should execute every defense against persons and materials entering the U.S to guard against any new Ebola cases arriving in the United States.

Thank you for your review of this correspondence. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me or my Legislative Director, Scott Cunningham, at 202.225.6605 or scott.cunningham@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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